**Fencing of the Indo-Bangla Border in N.E. States**

3479. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE :

SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether some of the States in North-Eastern Region have urged upon the Central Government to expedite the work relating to fencing of the Indo-Bangla border to stem the growing influx of Bangladeshi migrants into the Indian Union; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MNISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government have approved the project of construction of fencing in two phases in States bordering Indo-Bangladesh Border including some of the States in North-Eastern region. Under Phase-I, fencing in 854.354 Kms. have been erected as against the approved target of 857.37 Kms. Under Phase-II, Government has approved 2429.5 Kms. of fencing. The work is in progress and is targeted to be completed by 2007.

**Steps to combat the terrorist attacks in Jammu and Kashmir**

3480. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Ghazi Nasir-ud-din, the new chief of Hizb-ul-Mujahideen has vowed to step up terrorists attack in the valley of Jammu and Kashmir.

(b) if so, the steps being taken to combat the attacks and flush out Hizb cadre from the valley; and

(c) the precautions being taken to prevent spreading of this outfit to other States/UTs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK) : (a) Yes, Sir. The terrorist outfits have all along been threatening to intensify terrorist activities in the State. Apart from Ghazi